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Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
Minutes
June 11, 2014

- 1. A meeting of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee was held at the Conference Room at the Animal Services Shelter and was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Betty Hoover, Vice-Chairperson.

Table with 3 columns: Board Member A.S.A.C., Present, Absent. Lists attendance for members like Peggy Edman, Dr. Roger Freund, Patricia Gonzalez, Betty Hoover, Linda Krasowski, Marcia Margherio, Robert Melson, Rep. Ann Morgan-Lilly, and Regina Wagner.

Environmental Services staff present: Kurt Fenstermacher, Luis Rios, Marilyn Christensen, Larry Brunt, Maribel Karisch

Public present: List of attendees available upon request.

- 2. Discussion and action on the approval of ASAC May 14, 2014 minutes.

Committee members were asked if there were any questions or revisions.

Motion made by Robert Melson and seconded by Peggy Edman to accept the May 14, 2014 minutes.

Ayes: Peggy Edman, Betty Hoover, Robert Melson, Linda Krasowski, Rep. Ann Morgan-Lilly, Regina Wagner

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Nays: None.

3. Discussion and action on Sub-committees' reports:

- a. Free Roaming Cats – Chairperson Regina Wagner expressed in her report that Sun City Cats is urging to expand operations and involve the community further, claiming that there has been great success in other Texas communities using TNR programs. The program is focused on adult cats, and to provide help to as many cats as possible. It is beneficial when Sun City Cats acts instead of Animal Control because it helps save lives of the cats picked up, in addition to saving tax-payers' money. This is claimed to be the most humane approach to the free-roaming cats around the city, and has had great support throughout the community citing different success stories of individuals assisting in finding the cats a home or providing care. A meeting for colony managers will be held later this month. Sun City's Cats face book page continues to grow as it is being used instead of calling Animal Services. They are still in discussion about the specifics with the website designer, who will be helping in posting photos of the cats that are caught in the crossfire of TNR.

Motion: No action taken.

- b. Public Education, Outreach and Responsible Pet Ownership
Chairperson, Patricia Gonzalez was not present.

Motion: No action taken.

4. Old Business

- a. Discussion and action on the status of the Lower Valley Spay & Neuter Clinic. Larry advised that they are still in the same place. Kurt added that construction will be done by January, however it will be until February or March when the project

will be completed with all the furnishings.

Motion: No action taken.

- b. Discussion and action on the Educational Media Campaign. Kurt Fenstermacher provided a hand out to committee members. Ramon Herrera is working on the plan and we are looking into hiring a third person, who will be the Public Affairs Coordinator, Kurt added. Betty Hoover advised to review the hand out in next month's meeting. Kurt advised that there were discussions with the Veterinarian Association about the 10% that is collected from the registration fee. There was a question about whether they are acting as a taxing agent. The 10% is being used in 50% promotions, 30% specialized groups and 20% as need arises. Kurt added that conversations will continue.

Motion: No action taken.

- c. Hand out of budget for discussion at June meeting. Kurt Fenstermacher advised that the FY15 budget proposal will not be submitted to City Council until June 30, 2014.

Motion: No action taken.

5. Discussion and proposal of a motion directing the Chairman and the ESD/AC leadership to request a declaration from City Council Establishing "No-Kill" as a city policy. Bob Melson advised committee that 15 years ago the Health District made the "No-Kill" proposal, unfortunately no official action was taken as far as the City is concerned. Looking at 100% No-Kill is not practical. Our goal should be some stated figure like 50% or 70% No-Kill to go to City Council and make a declaration. However, a problem still remains with what to do with the

animals that are left behind considering 70% are rescued. Robert Melson added that before going forward with the proposal, we need to have something concrete. Motion was made to continue discussion for next month's meeting.

Motion made by Robert Melson and seconded by Rep. Ann Morgan-Lilly to continue discussion in requesting City Council in establishing a "No-Kill" policy.

Ayes: Peggy Edman, Betty Hoover, Robert Melson, Regina Wagner
Linda Krasowski, Rep. Ann Morgan-Lilly

Nays: None

6. Following what we had discussed last month for other rescue groups/ Shelters to come and discuss their organization with ASAC. Dawn is the speaker for Precious Paws. Dawn advised the committee that they have been partners with Animal Services for about one year. Precious Paws is composed of two members and they work out of their home. They pull animals of the streets but mainly out of Animal Services. Dawn added that they are taking care of 40 to 45 animals and added that they also have two areas for quarantines. They are also on Face book and continuing on updating the page. Their adoptions start from \$60.00 to \$80.00. Rep. Ann Morgan-Lilly asked about sharing their stories to City Council and Kurt asked about sharing their data. Regina Wagner asked whether they transfer and Dawn mentioned that they have transferred to California and New Mexico.

Motion: No action taken

7. Discussion on Animal Services Statistics. Luis Rios advised the committee

that there has been an increase in intakes during the month of May. The euthanization stayed a constant rate of 59%. That means that there are several animals getting out through transfers, adoptions and returned to owner. Regina Wagner asked why the increase and Dr, Christensen advised that it's kitten season and that might be one factor. Robert Melson asked whether the increase of intake were mainly cats. Luis Rios replied that report was not available. Larry Brunt added that historically, cats make up 51% of all intakes. He also added that the TNR grant program has helped in decreasing the euthanization rate by 70%. Dr. Christensen added that not having those animals come into the shelter would be the main factor in reducing the euthanization rate. Linda Krasowski added that she would like to see statistics of disease in the shelter.

Motion: No action taken

8. Call to Public (30 min)

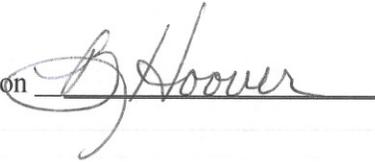
- a. Member of the public questioned about the adoptions fees. She wanted to know if all the adoption fees go to the organization. Kurt Fenstermacher replied that the city has a contract with the Humane Society and they get to keep all revenues for staffing and other organizational needs. The adoptions fees are not public money and go back to the entity that won the bid.
- b. Member of the public inquired about how delighted she was to hear that there are discussions on making a declaration for a "No-Kill" city. She made some suggestions as far as how to approach the proposal. She added that meeting with Rescue Groups will be a key as this will involve the shifting of animals.
- c. Member of the public inquired about the TNR program. Larry will provide information after the ASAC meeting. Member of the public was also concerned with issues such as chained up dogs and shelter. Peggy Edman added that there is a difference between the city and the State of Texas, regarding those issues. Betty Hoover

advised to look into Title 7 on the city website for more information.

9. Not having more items of discussion meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Prepared by: Maribel Karisch

Approved A.S.A.C Chairperson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Hoover", is written over a horizontal line.